SOMEBODY CALL GUY LOMBARDO AND ALL THAT BECAUSE WE'VE ALL MADE IT TO GREET ANOTHER DX NEWS YEAR, WHICH OUTTA SAY SOMETHING TO THE SKEPTICS OUT THERE WHO DIDN'T THINK WE'D MAKE IT TO MAY (WE DIDN'T EITHER!) TO MORE IMPORTANT ITEMS...WE BLEW IT LAST TIME AND GAVE THE WRONG PRICE FOR THE NRC LOG. THE CORRECT PRICE IS $6.50 WHICH IS STILL THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN DXING!

THIS IS THE LAST DX NEWS OF THE EVERY OTHER WEEK SCHEDULE. THE NEXT ISSUE WILL APPEAR OCT. 24, AND AFTER THAT WEEKLY THROUGH THE SEASON. THERE'S A GOOD CHANCE WE'LL EVEN HAVE AN EXTRA ISSUE DURING THE HOLIDAYS, SO PLEASE CONTRIBUTE TO THE COLUMNS AND TAKE PART--IT'S YOUR CLUB! ALSO, WE ARE PLANNING A SPECIAL NRC NOSTALGIA ISSUE TO CELEBRATE OUR STATUS AS THE WORLD'S OLDEST MEDIUM WAVE DX CLUB--IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING (STORIES, PHOTOS OR WHATEVER) TO CONTRIBUTE, PLEASE WRITE US AT HEADQUARTERS. ALSO, THE COLUMN AM SWITCH IS NOT GONE. WE'VE RECEIVED SOME MAIL FROM PEOPLE THINKING IT'S BEEN DROPPED, BUT IT HAN'T--IT'S JUST A MONTHLY COLUMN AND THUS IT ONLY APPEARS MONTHLY (HOW ABOUT THAT LOGIC?) LASTLY, WE'VE RECEIVED WORD FROM SOME OF THE EDITORS THAT SOME OF THE COPY THEY HAVE RECEIVED IS WRITTEN PRETTY POORLY. PLEASE TYPE (IF YOU CAN) AND IF NOT, PLEASE PRINT VERY PLAINLY--REMEMBER, THESE FOLKS ARE VOLUNTEERS SO WE WANT TO MAKE THEIR JOBS AS EASY AS POSSIBLE!

CPC TESTS


Oct. 24 KCTE-1140 Southwest City, Mo. 0630-0700 with 250w. Will use C & W instrumental mx. V/S Don Williams, Chief Engineer, KCTE, Box 258, Southwest City, Mo. 64863. Arr: Brett Hanavan.

Nov. 14 WCAZ-990 Carthage, Ill. 0115-0130 with 1000w. TT and voice IDs. Modification of regular ET. V/S Send to Station Manager, WCAZ, 84 S. Madison St., Carthage, Ill. 62321. Arr: John Kromba.


Nov. 28 KLUC-1140 Las Vegas 0300-0900. Will use 10,000w. non-directional antenna. V/S Dave Anthony, Program Director, KLUC, Box 14805, Las Vegas, Nev. 89114. Arr: Ron Musco.

Dec. 5 WMTR-1250 Morristown, N.J. 0000-0300. Will possibly also run later. Use 5000w. No pgm. details. V/S Chief Engineer, WMTR. More details will follow. Arr: David Williams.

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We Get Letters

LOST! We not only get letters, but returned mail also. Member Bill McCarrick has apparently moved from 509 Main Street, Mount Vernon, Ill., leaving no forwarding order on file with the Post Office. Anyone know his current mailing address? If so, please let me know.

NCC LETTERHEADS

Dave Schmidt has sent us one of the letterheads used in the past. If enough interest is indicated, we'll be glad to print a new supply for use in arranging tests. Basically it is the NCC letterhead formerly used, with a Courtesy Programs Committee overprint. Let us know if you would like some and the quantity needed. Cost will be basis of printing charge.

MEMBERSHIP in NCC is holding steady. A member has forwarded a contribution to another DX publication which states we've had a sharp drop in membership. This is not the case. NCC is very healthy. This issue will be sent to some 725 members and we expect an excellent membership growth and retention rate this year. Encourage others to join.

CORRECT ADDRESS? We and Ron Musco have just completed an audit of the membership list and addressograph plates. We've found some minor discrepancies. If there is an error in your address, please let us know immediately. Send your forwarding order on file with the Post Office. Anyone know his current address? If so, please let me know.

Now that "business" is completed on to some other letters......

NRC HAM NET, according to Ross Hansch (W9BO) will be on 2850 kHz at 11 p.m. Easter Sunday until April. Even if you are not a ham, it's worth the time to listen in for late tips, especially last minute tests.

ANARC DIRECTORY

Dave Browne has sent us the latest "Directory of DX Club Publications in North America". It's quite detailed, providing more information than is normally found in commercial hobby magazines. ANARC will be happy to send NRCers a copy provided you send a large size envelope (#20) with 24¢ postage affixed. Members outside the U.S. should include sufficient IRC's for return postage.

A MEDIUM WAVE GUIDE

for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Indonesia, August 1977 edition, is now available from Australian Radio DX Club, 3 Kadasa St., Oak Park, Victoria, 3046, Australia. It's a 15 page printed guide on order of frequency in the MW bands in operation as of Sept. 1977, with sign-on and sign-off times, transmitter sites, call-signs, and languages.

Radio Republik Indonesia stations are listed for the first time. They offer a number of other services also. They will send a price list upon request.

MODIFICATIONS for Yaesu FR-2, Drake SRR-1, Barlow Wadley XCR-30 and Drake SFR-2 may be obtained from Radio West, 3417 Purer Rd., Sandusky, OH 44870. They offer a number of other services also. They will send a price list upon request.

OHIO STATE UNIV./WTVN 1977 FOOTBALL NETWORK

Via James J. Wallace

1350 WSLR Akron
1590 WOHT East Liverpool
970 WREO Ashtabula
1900 WUMV Belleair
1880 WSRG Beachfontaine
93.5 WJMJ Bowling Green
1290 WROG Ironton
1520 WSNO Bryan
39.3 WMKQ Celina
590 WFBX Chillicothe
390 WWMZ Cincinnati
380 WSRG Cleveland
1490 WMBX Columbus
1270 WTVN Columbus
1460 WHBC Canton
29.3 WNNM Celina
1350 WSLR Akron

1490 WOHT East Liverpool
1570 WPTF Piqua
1260 WNXT Portsmouth
600 WOC Elgin
1450 WLRQ Sandusky
1600 WBLY Springfield
106.3 KQRO Sun City, Ariz.
1250 WMNL Mansfield
95.9 WYAN Upper Sandusky
1200 WBLR Waverly
1490 WMBX Columbus
1330 WGVW Wellston
1200 WPTF Milton
1490 WMMZ Marion
1330 WGBW Zanesville
1300 WNNK Mount Vernon
1240 WNEB Youngstown
1270 WTVN Columbus
103.1 WNNM Napoleon
1910 WING Dayton
1353 WLED-FM Newark
1540 WPTC Uhrichsville

1977 NRC CONVENTION REPORT

Neil G. Zank

Well folks, the 1977 Lincoln Convention has come and gone. And we hope that all who attended had as much fun as the NERDS committee did putting it all together. We were especially pleased to meet so many new friends from the wacky world of DXing. Total attendance peaked at 52, with 18 states represented from coast to coast plus 3 Canadian provinces.

Those who showed as follows:

Lou Buehler St. Charles, Mo.
John Hoogerheide Brandenburg, Ky.
Ernie Cooper Provincetown, Mass.
Frank Aden Jr. Bend, Ore.
Al Merriman Fairfax, Va.
Bill Edin St. Louis, Mo.
Jerry Starr Hubbard, Ohio
Bonnie Starr
Ken Clappton Wannassie, N.Y.
Gary Houdke Mundan, Kan.
Gene Nit Billings, Mont.
Matt Breville St. Louis, Mo.
Barry Wasylki Winnipeg, Manitoba
Jim Roberts
B. Hood
D. McBride
G. Saposnikow
Gary Atkins Louisville, Ky.
Wayne Murphy
Don Erickson Riverside, Calif.
Rich Segalas San Francisco, Calif.
George Keesteen Calgary, Alberta
George Greene Akron, Ohio
Frank Merrick Toledo, Ohio
Bill Franck Boise, Idaho
Dave Williams Astoria, Ore.
Glen Cooper Kington, Mass.
Dave Bessie B.C.
Bob Mitchell Lincoln, Nebr.
Chuck Conner

Despite the rain, some of the highlights seemed to be a strange visitor from the East named Starmack; piping in Ernie Cooper as an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska; the bonded import of a case of Canadians from Manitoba; the acceptance of Coors as the official club beverage; a great auction totaling $505.00 in sales, of which only 20% was to DDSR; and meeting a lot of old and new friends. Ernie Cooper -- all of whom I had not seen for at least half an hour.

All in all we are glad you could make it, sorry you could not make it and hope that all others will have another great gathering for DXers next year. We are planning a DXers Convention in 1978.

We would like to list these additional contributors to the Lincoln, Nebr. Convention:

International Crystal
Gifer Associates
McCook National Bank
Ernie Wosowski
Distributors
Radio Station KFAB
Nebraska Dept. of Economic Development
Louisville Area DXers (LADS)
That's it. Please remember to send stuff to the new address. First, note the new address, which will be effective immediately.

Hi All!

First, note the new address, which will be effective immediately. I have returned to Molly's Place, 9/12, strong alternating w/CHL. Must be CHL. (NK-RI)

1900 WJXR, 9/12, strong alternating w/CHL. Must be CHL. (NK-RI)

Plus one more I blew:

1260 WMR, NY \textit{Beechon}, 8/20 ID after nx 2005 o/\textit{IZE}. (NK-RI)

That's it. Please remember to send stuff to the new address until further notice.

\textbf{Reporters:}

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Berkeley, CA  \\
N-Q-60

Glad to see some \textit{TC} support this week; keep it up, guys. Later... ACR...

\textbf{LATE KSPORT--received at headquarters from Russ Edmunds, Kinnelon, N.J.}

\textbf{ALL Sunrise.}

1110 WNAR, Pen., s/tn 0645 on 9/13 w/o SSB o/\textit{WBT}.

1300 WGES, N.Y., s/tn 0600 on 9/19 w/o SSB w/\textit{WBF} o/\textit{WBI}.

1300 WJGR, Mich., s/tn 0545 on 9/11 w/\textit{MGR}.

1300 WREB, Md., s/tn 0530 9/21 and 9/11.

1300 UNID w/reel-talk pgm. w/\textit{WBF} & \textit{WBI} on 9/21 and WERE 0400+ on 9/11. One pgm. was syndicated from \textit{NK} Moody of Kansas City.

1600 WUNR, Mass. on reg. 9/13, log says s/tn 8/300.

1600 WFCR, N.C., s/tn without SSB at 0510 on 9/9, \textit{WBF}, listed 0545.
The page contains a mixture of text and images, but the text appears to be a collection of DX (shortwave radio) logs or notes from various locations and times, detailing reception conditions and station identifications. The content is not related to the question about the East coast and the ocean, and thus does not provide any information that could be used to answer the question.
Coming in future issues of DX NEWS will be a segmented "technical" article entitled as above, Terminator transit mechanix is a new science born out of continuing research with the controlbreak-98 chart recorder; basically it deals with reception as it is affected by the occurrence of sunrise or sunset along the signal path.

For years medium-wave DX'ers have been satisfied to use no more than local sunrise and sunset times to determine the respective times of signal fade-outs and fade-ins, even though such figures can vary over a half hour or more, even when specific relative position is accurate. The additional fact that stations are some 45 minutes undergoing the fading process (a matter of hours in polar regions) makes the controlbreak-LW method of predicting fades of questionable value outside the most casual DX'ing pursuits.

A partial solution to the problem was attempted some twelve years ago in the nature of "E-20" predictions, in which large geographical data were thrown into a computer programme to come up with the time that a given station would have faded some 20 decibels from its original nighttime level, that "E-20" time being interpreted by its originator, Gordon Nelson, as a signal not to waste time trying for the station any further. With Nelson away from club activities these days and his computer programme being somewhat "heavy", E-20 predictions are now all but unavailable to DX'ers for use and probation.

Now, thanks to the new science of terminator transit mechanix (TTX), a decent, if still imperfect, solution is at hand, for TTX research has so far revealed the following observations:

1) Terminator fades begin and end at definite times, that pertain to specific relative terminator positions and the exact sky-wave propagation time between station and DX'er.

2) The signal level at the beginning of a fade-out and the end of a fade-in averages some 145 above the adjacent nighttime level.

3) The two "start" and "stop" times are predictable whenever the factors mentioned above are known.

Actually, each station is to be assigned four predictable values:

- "E" - debut time at sundown
- "P" - post-dusk peak
- "E"r - final time at sunrise
- "P" - predawn peak

Due to the potential for controversy that TTX predictions, can offer these in the "E-20" school, we offer some preliminary predictions below and ask DX'ers to test them out and report on the results, either directly to REC or through the Bulletin. Times are local daylight times for the week 17-23 October. DX'ers located in line between any two cities given can interpolate with reasonably accurate results (e.g., Louisville between Atlanta and Chicago). As an example, Conakry-1403 should begin its fade-out for Boston DX'ers at 0221 EST and disappear by 0225.

A REVIEW OF THE SONY ICF-5900 W

Jan K. Phillips

During the month of April a catastrophe happened in my shack. Lightning hit my thousand foot four wire fence beverage, ran in on my Sony TP-1600W, and completely destroyed it. With one swift bolt my favorite receiver disappeared.

As soon as this happened I began shopping around for a new receiver. Two in particular came to mind at this point. The Sony CRF-5000 ($299) and the Zenith Trans-oceanic ($399). These were the top of the line sets for all I could gather. Both would cover through 20 MHz with Public service band added.

In July I was in Asheville, N.C. and happened by Gibbs Radio Co. The owner, Rudy Gibbss (WX4Z), showed me his stock. I listened to the Zenith Trans-oceanic, talked about price and asked him, "Which is better the Zenith or Sony CRF-5000?" In response he replied, "The Sony will run circles around it but I don't have one in stock." He then added this, "But I do have one of the most fantastic radios anywhere that I want you to see. The FM section particularly is fantastic." With that I was introduced to the $159.95 SONY ICF-5900. Since he had already promised he couldn't buy one that day.

Two months later, after numerous phone calls to state distributors all who said, "We can't keep them in stock," I finally found and bought one in Atlanta.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

MEDIUM WAVE BAND: In an effort to determine how good the Sony is I tried three different experiments:

1) - With the Sony sitting directly beside a Radio Shack TRF, both plugged in the wall socket, in broad daylight, I covered the entire broadcast band. There were over 500 stations on the 540-1700 kHz scale. Sony's $299.00 price tag is almost equal to WA2K. The carrier was on the Sony has not the TRF. One other difference I noted was that the Sony is more intense than the TRF. 15 kHz from the carrier on 455 kHz radio, which was almost equal to WASK. TheTRF is not the TRF. One other difference I noted was that the Sony has not the TRF. One other difference I noted was that the Sony has not the TRF. One other difference I noted was that the Sony has not the TRF. One other difference I noted was that the Sony is more intense than the TRF. 15 kHz from the carrier on 455 kHz radio, which was almost equal to WASK. The

2) - The second experiment was carried out at night. With both receivers age, side by side covered the entire dial. Both receivers picked up the identical same stations. Absolutely no difference.

3) - The third experiment was carried out during the daylight hours. The Sony is more intense than the TRF. 15 kHz from the carrier on 455 kHz radio, which was almost equal to WASK. The

SHORTWAVE BANDS: With the crystal calibrator, BFO, and the linear readout corrective action was taken and the TRF. Both radios, which was almost equal to WASK. The

FM BAND: Absolutely nothing compares on FM. It runs circles around my stereo receiver tied to a channel 13 rhombic. Just a quick twist across the band shows at least 60 stations audible with just inside whip. Perfect for FM DX'ers.

SUMMARY

In summary I would say that if you are a CB'er only a TRF from Radio Shack would be an ideal companion. If you DX SW, Ham, CB, CB, or FM though I would highly suggest that you consider the Sony ICF-5900. As Sony says, "Revolutionary Ec short wave, FM and AM Band Portable." That statement is correct. I would trade mine even for a Zenith. One other thing of note that makes it worth considering is the size. It weighs only 4 lbs 2 oz. Sony CRF-5000 is twice as big. The Sony ICF-5900 is slightly larger than the TRF. It is an exciting radio for the traveler.
SONY ICF-5900 W REVIEW (CONTINUED)

SPECIFICATIONS: Sony ICF-5900

Semiconductors: 1 IC, 1 FET, 14 transistors plus 10 aux transistors.

Frequency range: MW 530-1605 kHz, FM 87.5-108 MHz, SW 3.9-10 MHz, SW2 11.7-20 MHz, SW3 20-28 MHz.

Power requirements: Battery D size x 3 (4.5 volts), 120 volt AC adapter supplied.

Dimensions: 9 1/4" x 8 3/4" x 4 1/4" D.

Cost: Retail $159.95. I bought mine at Citizen's Jewelry, 241 Peachtree Street in Atlanta, Georgia for $129.88.

NEW ZEALAND FREQUENCY PLAN 1978

(Reprinted from New Zealand DX Times, Sept. 1977)

Below are the projected frequencies for NZ medium wave stations, to take effect on 23 November 1978, received via David R. Macaulay. Frequencies have 9 kHz separation, and will be common to Europe, Africa, Asia and Australasia. The Americas will remain with 10 kHz separation between frequencies, so there'll be some interesting DX from that area, although our chances for Europe and Asia will be diminished. Currently we have 47 totally clear channels in NZ. Given the same station numbers under the 9 kHz plan, there'll be 50 "American" frequencies which are 5 kHz or more away from an occupied NZ frequency. Yank 'graveyard' channel 1450 will be lost to us, but we will gain 1400 kHz. 1230 remains clear but 1490 will be wedged between Twizel on 1485 and Taupo 1494. So to the list....

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Abbreviations Used:

YR = Year you started Domestic DXing
NAME & AREA = Last name and general metropolitan area from which you DX.

If not near a metro area, then a section of your state such as WA PA.

TSH = Total Domestic Stations Heard
SH = Total States Heard
FR = Total Provinces Heard
TDT = Total Domestic Stations Taped
ST = Total States Taped
PT = Provinces Taped
TDV = Total Domestic Stations Verified
SV = Total States Verified
PV = Provinces Verified

* = Beside a SH, ST, or SV indicates that you heard, taped or verified, respectively, the list of Columbia.

Rules, Misc:

1. Domestic means United States and Canadian Provinces only, not territories! Stations from territories count in TDH, TDT, and TDV columns.

2. Totals may be sent in on postcards, in letters, etc., but please keep them READABLE.

3. For this column, if you move more than 25 miles you have to start over. DX from your home only is to count, not traveling DX. An all location column will be done in the future.

4. Totals will be listed for one year if not updated. Several people have totals submitted over a year ago. Since the column has been inactive, I'll list you (if you are one of these) for a couple of months so you can update without dropping.

5. Tapes must contain at least two of the following to be counted: (a) call letters of station, (b) location of station-not as in an ad- but as part of an ID, (c) frequency-not as part of a slogan such as "The Big 15"-but as a frequency.

6. If you haven't counted tapes or verifications, list as - - - , rather than 0-0-0.

Before we get to the listings, my apology to anyone who may have been dropped due to the transfer of the column. If you have been dropped, just send your totals to me at the address listed above.

Next column will be by Total Taped, so send your listings now. Deadline will be November 5, 1977.

The totals follow on the next page.
Broadcasting Not Restricted to 5kHz

Electronic Engineering Times - Monday, September 19, 1977 via Bob Karchevski

To the Editor:

I am going to try to luck out my technical class ticket.

To The Editor:...
CARLISLE, PA - 798 Frequent Avenue - Pinellas, FL - 32505

I am improving the performance of the TRF on aorigine by requiring a DSP cord and installing an antenna timer in the DSP cord component. (Set as sooner on batteries anyway.)

1. Install CBX-248 variable core loop antenna that cost $29 with a variable 115v ac variable. Drill hole for CBX. Shroud to extend through front of cabinet made with super glue inside each component. Solder loop terminal across CBX. Wind small gauge insulated wire 2 turns around on loop terminal and tape down. Hook the two turns around antenna leads to frame of CBX. Use large knob for shaft of CBX. On the unused loop terminal, use about a 3x4 counterpoise - it will give a little boost. L/$ performance is really improved as you peak tune antenna every ten lbs. Another ohmmeter problem is that it will not register in the antenna. I have tried using a wheeled 1 knob for volume control as the slide V/2 usually becomes very noisy. Also for using built-in antenna I have my TRF adjusted for better than expected performance. I would think that the two turn link lead together toward antenna terminal of RX. If timer does not cover all of the KN band, adjust condenser joint until you cover full range of KN band.

Dave Schmidt - 142 Cheleyne Road - Castle Hills - New Castle, DE - 19720

I was so impressed with the super high sensitivity of DX, I was a little surprised how many of these DX stations are on the air. The DX is so clear and strong that it seems to make it easier to tune in. However, as the DX gets higher in frequency, it becomes more difficult to tune in. The DX was heard during the early days of the DXer's convention.

Tone and clarity are not at their best, but it is a rough day for DX. I was unable to DX on the air because of the poor performance of the DX stations. I have tried using the DX stations on the air, but they are not as strong as they are on the DXer's convention.

The DX was heard during the early days of the DXer's convention.

I hope you have enjoyed your DX experience.

Bill Marang - 811 Nevada Avenue - San Jose, CA - 95128

I was not able to DX this time because of the DX stations were not strong enough. However, I enjoyed the DX experience and look forward to DXing in the future.

Gene Siegel - 2728 16th Street - Columbus, OH - 43201

I enjoyed my DX experience, but was not able to DX this time due to the poor performance of the DX stations.

Gene Siegel
DOUG ALLEN - Apt. 64 - 15 Lafayette Street - Schenectady, N.Y. - 13805

April 11, 1975

...I've been in Korea for the last six months as an FM radio consultant for the United Nations. My job is to advise the Korean Broadcasting System (KBS) on how to improve their radio service. The station is located in the heart of Seoul, and broadcasts 24 hours a day. The studio is quite large, and has all the latest equipment. The news and music are broadcast in both English and Korean.

The Korean people are very friendly and welcoming. They are always eager to talk about their country and culture. I've had the opportunity to meet many interesting people, including some of the top business leaders and politicians.

One of the highlights of my trip has been visiting the famous Namsan Park in Seoul. The view from the top is absolutely breathtaking. I've also had the chance to sample some of the local cuisine, which is excellent. I would definitely recommend trying the Kimchi and Samgyeopsal.

Overall, my stay in Korea has been very enjoyable. I've learned a lot about the country and its people, and I would love to return in the future.
As you can see, the text is too difficult to read accurately. It appears to be a page from a newspaper or magazine, but the content is not clear.

However, I can attempt to transcribe any readable text:

"I am not much for verbs, but my interest is slowly growing. Anyone mailing info on WVQJ just write me a note I'll pass you on some info on the whole thing. For now, let's say hello to our regular friends!"

I hope this helps. If you have more text or need further assistance, please let me know!